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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10 and 11, as amended, remain herein.

Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants note and appreciate that claim 4 has been allowed, and claims 7-9 are said to be allowable if amended to independent form including all limitations of the base and intervening claims.


Applicants have amended claims 1, 2 and 3 to include the allowed subject matter of claim 9, thereby mooting the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 3 and of claims 5, 6, 10 and 11 which depend therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Rumreich, U.S. Patent 5,841,488.

Accordingly, the application is now fully in condition for immediate allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.1129). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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